



REPEATING STUDENTS

Policy

AIM:

To inform the school community of the protocols and procedures regarding parental approval for students to repeat a year of schooling.

GUIDELINES:

1. Classroom teachers may advocate that a student repeat a year of schooling for justifiable reasons as follows:
 - The student has been absent from school for 20% + of the year, due to reasons such as medical and overseas travel
 - The student has been assessed as achieving well below year level standard in literacy and numeracy and is aged in the youngest half of the year level
 - The student has a disability or impairment that detrimentally affects learning
 - The student is socially and emotionally not coping with expectations of the current year level
2. Teachers considering that a child would benefit from repeating a year level at school, should discuss the proposal with the Principal or Team Leader, before notifying parents of this possibility at the mid year Parent / Teacher Conferences.
3. The School acknowledges that if a student is being advocated for repeating a year of school, then it is most beneficial if done during the early years of schooling.
4. If a teacher is advocating that a student repeat a year of schooling, he / she should seek endorsement from the Principal and / or Team Leader by the end of Term 3.
5. Parents of students being advocated for repeating a year of schooling should be invited to discuss the issue at a formal meeting with the class teacher and Principal / Team Leader early Term 4.
6. Class teachers of students being advocated for repeating a year of schooling should be fully prepared for their parent meetings, especially in regards to supporting evidence:
NB. Days absent from school and student work samples.
7. Epping Views Primary School Staff acknowledge that it is the parents' / guardians' final decision, whether a child repeats a year of schooling.
8. A student will only be officially approved for repeating a year of schooling, once a parent has provided signed approval (*See school Pro forma).
9. Where possible, students being advocated for repeating a year of school should be consulted about the process by the class teacher and / or parent(s), prior to official agreement.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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